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W. H. Taft, 3d, Will Be Named Ireland Envoy

William Howard Taft 3d, son of Senate Majority Leader Robert A. Taft of Ohio, soon will be named Ambassador to Ireland, the White House announced yesterday.

The Ambassador-designate is 38, a student of Gaelic, and has served three years in Ireland on an assignment for the Economic Cooperation Administration. He now is employed with the Central Intelligence Agency and makes his home in New Haven, Conn., with his wife and four children.

Earlier reports that Taft, the eldest of the Senator's three sons, was seeking the diplomatic post brought word from his father that he would do nothing to help obtain the appointment. When told of the White House announcement, Senator Taft said he had had nothing to do with it, but was pleased, adding: "I think he is qualified and will do a good job."

Murray Snyder, assistant White House press secretary, said the Taft nomination will be sent to the Senate in the next few days. The Senate can receive the nomination Monday, Wednesday or Friday, but no session is planned for St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday.

Taft's appointment will fill a vacancy created by the death of Francis P. Matthews of Nebraska, who received the assignment to Ireland after serving for a time as Secretary of the Navy in the Truman Administration.

Taft was graduated from Yale in 1937, and received his doctor's degree in English from Princeton in 1942. He taught at Maryland University, at Haverford College in Pennsylvania, and at Yale. In World War II he was a research analyst in military intelligence.

His familiarity with classical Gaelic was a factor in his assignment to Ireland. He was special assistant to the chief of the ECA mission there. As a result of his duties in Ireland, he has been reported to have the backing of substantial Irish groups for the ambassadorial post.

Taft was named for his grandfather, the late President and Chief Justice William Howard Taft. He is an Episcopalian.

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